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**1 - Sitton keeping open mind on quake causes, Star-Telegram, 6/8/2015 – (Editorial)**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/opinion/editorials/article23538367.html>

The newest member of the Texas Railroad Commission, Ryan Sitton, has promised to keep an open mind about the burgeoning research linking seismic activity to wastewater disposal wells used as part of the drilling process called fracking.

**2 - New Mexico labs fined nearly \$1M for failure to protect classified materials, information, SF New Mexican, 6/8/2015**

[http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local\\_news/new-mexico-labs-fined-nearly-m-for-failure-to-protect/article\\_f8824057-303e-520d-90b3-c3a0d48d7f1c.html](http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/new-mexico-labs-fined-nearly-m-for-failure-to-protect/article_f8824057-303e-520d-90b3-c3a0d48d7f1c.html)

The Obama administration has levied fines totaling nearly \$1 million against two of the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories in New Mexico, mostly for failing to keep track of classified materials and for repeatedly disclosing information related to nuclear weapons design in public presentations stretching over nearly a decade.

**3 - Oklahoma Corporation Commission judge says no to replacing OG&E's Mustang plant in \$1.1 billion compliance case, NewsOK, 6/8/2015**

<http://newsok.com/occ-judge-says-no-to-replacing-oges-mustang-plant-in-1.1-billion-compliance-case/article/5426126#commentLink>

Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. should be able to recover some costs related to environmental compliance, but should not get pre-approval to spend \$400 million to replace its aging Mustang generating plant, an administrative law judge recommended Monday. Corporation Commission Administrative Law Judge Ben Jackson said the utility also should explore adding wind energy, echoing a request by nearly all the parties in OG&E's complex and lengthy case for environmental compliance and replacement generation.

**4 - No link in Oklahoma between West Nile cases and flooding, Tulsa World, 6/6/2015**

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/health/officials-no-link-in-oklahoma-between-west-nile-cases-and/article\\_5956dfe-a42d-5db6-b8c9-841a3407e3fd.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/health/officials-no-link-in-oklahoma-between-west-nile-cases-and/article_5956dfe-a42d-5db6-b8c9-841a3407e3fd.html)

Oklahoma's first two cases of West Nile virus for the year were not transmitted by bites from the type of mosquitoes that thrive in massive floodwaters like the kind that inundated the state during the past month, health officials said Friday.

**5 - Coverage of Isolated Waters, Wetlands Not Determined by Single Function, EPA Says, BNA, 6/8/2015**

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=70096249&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g7y3w2e6&split=0](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=70096249&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g7y3w2e6&split=0)

Clean Water Act coverage of isolated waters and wetlands won't be determined by a single function, such as trapping pollutants or storing water, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency's water office said at a June 8 seminar on the final jurisdiction rule.

**6 - Lawmakers writing bill to promote good Samaritan mine cleanups, E&E, 6/9/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2015/06/09/stories/1060019870>

Colorado members of Congress are taking another stab at legislation meant to encourage independent groups to help clean up pollution from abandoned mines. Sources say Republican Rep. Scott Tipton and Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet are working on a legal path forward for so-called good Samaritan cleanups.

**7 - EPA advised to give states notice before release of Clean Power Plan, Enews, 6/9/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2015/06/09/stories/1060019876>

NEW ORLEANS -- U.S. EPA would be doing a service if it were to give states a heads up a day or two before it releases the final version of the Clean Power Plan, the head of a major stakeholder group told utility executives here yesterday. State regulators, political leaders and utilities "need advance knowledge so we can respond intelligently to the rule" when it is issued, said Alexandra Dunn, executive director of the Environmental Council of the States, which represents state environmental agencies.

**8 - Texas utility says 'storage is coming' even without legislative help so far, Enews, 6/9/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2015/06/09/stories/1060019866>

About seven months ago, Oncor Electric Delivery Co. created a stir as it laid out the potential for substantial battery storage in Texas. Here was a big transmission and distribution utility in one of the most populous U.S. states outlining a concept that could mean billions of dollars of investments and thousands of megawatts of storage. The Dallas-based company didn't commit to a finalized project, but it said Texas legislative or regulatory changes could allow the full realization of benefits described in a study it commissioned (*EnergyWire*, Nov. 12, 2014).

**9 - Nation's capital becomes green roof capital to fight extreme heat, heavy storms, Climate News, 6/9/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2015/06/09/stories/1060019874>

Nestled on Eye Street in downtown Washington, D.C., near the heart of the bustling city lies the headquarters of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). From the front, the brick building looks like any other in the neighborhood, but take the elevator and a flight of stairs to the roof and you'll find yourself surrounded by rows of green sedum, blooming prickly pear cactus and patches of lush butterfly milkweed and hare's-foot clover. It's almost possible to imagine you are sitting in the tranquil countryside, not just on the roof of a building covered in foliage.

**10 - Growth Energy's Buis says EPA failed to strike balance in RFS target proposal, Greenwire, 6/8/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/06/08/stories/1060019835>

Last month, U.S. EPA released its 2014-through-2016 renewable fuel standard proposal. Were there any stakeholders that emerged as clear winners? During today's OnPoint, Tom Buis, CEO of Growth Energy, explains his concern over the year-to-year blend wall established by the agency. He also talks about the investment uncertainty resulting from a lack of specificity from the agency on 2017 volume obligations. Click here <http://www.eenews.net/tv/videos/1996> to watch today's OnPoint.

**11 - G-7 leaders promise fossil-fuel phaseout by 2100, Greenwire, 6/8/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/06/08/stories/1060019842>

President Obama and leaders of the world's seven largest economies called today for eliminating the use of fossil fuels by the end of the century. Emerging from two days of meetings in the Bavarian Alps, the Group of Seven (G-7) issued a sprawling communiqué vowing action on everything from terrorism to the conflict in Ukraine. The leaders threw their weight behind a new global climate accord expected to be signed in Paris in December and called for all countries to submit plans to cut carbon after 2020.

**12 - States Raise Concerns Over EPA Plan To Limit Bees' Pesticides Exposure, Inside EPA, 6/8/2015**

<http://insideepa.com/node/182021>

State regulators are raising early concerns about EPA's recently proposed two-part approach to reducing bees' exposure to dozens of acutely toxic pesticides, noting some states may lack resources and authority to support the pollinator protection plans that EPA is encouraging and that the mitigation they rely on may be unrealistic.

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